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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: SPANISH REQUEST TO UNSYG

REF: USUN 3321 (NOTAL)

1. IN ADDITION TO TWO REQUESTS SPANISH HAVE NOW MADE TO WALDHEIM, U.N. IS OF COURSE ALREADY ENGAGED AT TWO OTHER LEVELS, AT ICJ IN THE HAGUE AND IN DECOLONIZATION COM-

MITTEE OF 24. LATTER'S REPORT, HOWEVER, IS NOT EXPECTED FOR ANOTHER MONTH TO SIX WEEKS AND ICJ'S ADVISORY OPINION PERHAPS NOT UNTIL OCTOBER. IN MEANTIME SITUATION, BOTH IN SAHARA AND AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES, COULD DETERIORATE QUITE SERIOUSLY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY THE CASE IF THERE HAS IN REALITY BEEN NO DEAL BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO.

2. IN THIS SITUATION I THINK QUADRPARTITE CONFERENCE UNDER U.N. SPONSORSHIP COUD HAVE UTILITY IN EXERCISING  
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SOME RESTRAINT ON THE CONTENDING PARTIES AND IN KEEPING

DIPLOMATIC BALL IN THE AIR, EVEN THOUGH SPANIARDS THEMSELVES MAY HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH SUCH A CONFERENCE COULD SETTLE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO U.N. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, THIS IS ISSUE WHICH MIGHT BE ON AGENDA OF QUADRAPARTITE CONFERENCE. USG MIGHT INDICATE TO WALDHEIM OUR VIEW THAT PRESENCE OF SUCH SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SAHARA COULD AT APPROPRIATE TIME FACILITATE PRESERVATION OF PEACE BUT THAT TIMING AND MODALITIES WOULD BE SOMETHING TO BE WORKED OUT PRIMARILY BETWEEN U.N. AND INTERESTED PARTIES.

4. GOS STILL BELIEVES THERE IS NO CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF GENUINE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA. SPANISH PRESS IS REPORTING ALGERIAN PRESENTATION TO ICJ ON JULY 14 AS FAVORING PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE SAHARA AND AS EMPHASIZING COMMON ALGERIAN BORDER WITH SAHARA.

5. IF REPORTS OF MOROCCAN/ALGERIAN AGREEMENT WERE TRUE, IT WOULD OF COURSE BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY MOROCCO WOULD OBJECT TO ATTENDING QUADRIPARTITE CONFERENCE.  
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